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09/816,375	03/26/2001	Robert H. Wake	6573-3	8364

TITLE OF INVENTION: DETECTOR ARRAY FOR USE IN A LASER IMAGING APPARATUS

TOTAL CLAIMS	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The patent term adjustment to date is 0 days. If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the term adjustment will be 0 days.

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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of this application.
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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

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- ☒ This communication is responsive to the divisional application filed on 03/26/01
- ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 15-26
- ☒ The drawings filed on 3/26/01 are acceptable as formal drawings.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:

☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION.** This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this notice should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 3

☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for the Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Josefino P. de Leon November 12, 2001. The following changes were authorized to the specification:

On page 2, line ~~10~~, "sophisticates" was changed to --sophisticated--;

On page 3, line ~~5~~, ---was inserted after the word "chamber";

On page 3, line ~~22~~, the ",", was changed to a ---;

On page 4, line ~~1~~, "of" was canceled;

On page 4, line ~~7~~, "Thorough" was changed to --Through--;

On page 4, line ~~23~~, "a" was changed to --an--;

On page 8, line ~~4~~, the phrase --now U.S. Patent No. 5,692,511,-- was inserted after "1995,"; and

On page 10, line ~~25~~, "passes" was changed to --pass--.

The following changes were authorized to the claims:

In claim 15, line 1, "a" (second occurrence) was changed to --an--;

In claim 15, line 3, --a-- was inserted after the word "of";

In claim 15, line 7, the word "sensors" was changed to --detectors--;

In claim 15, line 12, --an-- was inserted after the word "with";

In claim 16, line 2, --a-- was inserted after the word "of";

In claim 17, line 2, --a-- was inserted after the word "of";

In claim 18, line 2, the word "sensors" was changed to --detectors--;

In claim 19, line 2, the word "sensors" was changed to --detectors--;

In claim 20, line 2, the word "sensors" was changed to --detectors--;

In claim 21, line 2, the word "sensors" was changed to --detectors--;

In claim 22, line 2, the word "sensors" (both occurrences) was changed to --detectors--;

In claim 23, line 2, the word "sensors" (both occurrences) was changed to
--detectors--; and

In claim 23, line 2, "fo" was changed to --of--.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

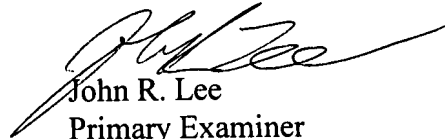
Claims 15 is allowed because the prior art failed to teach of fairly suggest a method for collecting light exiting from an object being scanned with a light source comprising the steps of : providing a source of a laser beam, directing the laser beam toward the object, orbiting the laser beam around the object, providing a plurality of detectors adapted to simultaneously detect the laser beam after passing through the object, and restricting the field of view of each detector so that each detector only sees its own patch of surface of the scanned object, each patch not overlapping with an adjacent patch. Claims 16-26 are allowed by virtue of their dependency.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John R. Lee whose telephone number is (703) 308-4116. Inquires of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.


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